Mr. C. J. Mathew—I regret I cannot produce the manuscripts.

46. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—With reference to the above question will the Government be pleased to explain the occasion for their mentioning of the Hall, its fans, and all that if the fan went out of order only subsequent to the previous sitting of the Council ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—The fan in the Library was not working on the last day of the previous meeting of the Council. It was then suggested that the Members might instead make use of the Council Hall to sit and read the reference books of the Council Library.

Agricultural Loans.

47. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to inform the amount of agricultural loans given annually in the last five years in each taluk in the State ?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—A statement showing the amount of agricultural loans given annually in each taluk for the last 5 years is appended. (*Appendix II.*)

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Can the Government assign any reason for giving comparatively small amounts to the Talappalli and Chittur taluks ?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—The fund is distributed equally. Probably there were larger number of applications from the other taluks. Almost all the amount sanctioned have been distributed according to the necessity of the applicants.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Only a comparatively small amount is seen given both to the Talappalli and Chittur taluks. Is it because the head quarters of the Government is not situated in these taluks ?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Probably there were larger number of applications from other taluks. The total amount is distributed among the Tahsildars of all taluks and they distribute the amount according to the necessity of the applicants concerned. The balance amount is reserved with the Diwan Peishkar and from that allotment payments will be made to applicants from any taluk.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—May I know whether the Government distribute the amount to each taluk and then divide it?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—The Tahsildars are entrusted with 1,000 or 2,000 rupees for each taluk. Then the balance is reserved with the Diwan Peishkar and the Diwan Peishkar makes payment to applicants irrespective of the question whether

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the applicant belongs to any particular taluk. So there will be no difficulty in paying the amounts to Talappalli or Chittur taluks, if there are applications.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Are we to understand that all the applications have been sanctioned in regard to Talappalli and Chittur taluks?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—All applications which could be sanctioned according to the rules must have been sanctioned. I cannot say that no application has been rejected.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will you please look into the matter and see that there is no disproportion in the matter of distribution of these loans? The Government will also see that the whole amount is distributed according to the taluks and then divide the amount among the applicants.

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Government will consider that.

Kunnamkulam—Tiruthikkad road—provision for.

48. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—With reference to question No. 586 answered on the 31st March 1933, will the Government be pleased to inform—

(a) what amount has already been spent;

(b) whether the whole amount will be utilised before the end of the current year; and if not

(c) what is the reason for allowing to lapse a part of the amount provided in the budget for the second time?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) No amount has till now been spent.

(b) It may be possible to spend the major portion of the allotment this year.

(c) Delay in land acquisition.

Aqueduct—restoring of.

49. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to state with reference to the reply to question No. 598, dated the 31st March 1933:—

(a) whether the damaged aqueduct has been restored to the condition in which it was soon after its construction; and if not

(b) what is the reason for not doing so;

(c) whether it is the policy of the department not to restore to its original condition works which have been damaged by floods;

(d) why did the Government construct the aqueduct as a permanent work, if temporary arrangements would have been sufficient;

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APPENDIX II.

(Vide answer to Question No. 47).

Statement showing the amount of Agricultural loans granted.

Taluk	Amount of loan granted for				
	1103	1104	1105	1106	1107
Cochin-Kanayannur Taluk	14,500	20,450	30,055	3,290	9,150
Mukundapuram ,,	5,750	19,075	14,505	3,025	12,430
Trichur ,,	3,550	9,640	23,450	2,900	9,010
Talappalli ,,	250	4,450	6,800	150	1,291
Chittur ,,	...	..	1,500	..	..
Cranganur ,,	..	2,750	1,750	250	1,800
Total	24,050	56,365	78,060	9,615	33,681

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